

# Congress Asked to Vote Without Reading Bills, Solons Complain

By William F. Arbest  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 20—(AP)—A growing tendency to legislate "in the dark" may bring about a demand for strengthening the rules of the house.

Some members complained privately today that they are being asked too often to vote on legislation which they have neither seen nor heard read.

The practice of voting "in the dark" grows during the waning days of a session when the fever to adjourn runs high.

**Hastily Prepared**  
Newsmen are delayed in obtaining details of legislation which they have not seen because it had not been printed, and which they have not heard because the house has dispensed with its reading. Authors of hastily prepared measures aren't always too helpful because there have been times when the men who introduced the bills were not able to explain the details.

Several recent incidents illustrate the situation.

During consideration of the bill to give President Truman controls over the domestic economy, the house actually voted to restore wartime excess profits tax rates without most members knowing what they were doing.

It happened when the amendment's author was cut off by expiration of his time allotted to explain and read it (30 seconds) and asked unanimous consent that further reading be dropped. He had been able to mention broadly the subject matter. The house quickly voted and approved the amendment. Then someone suggested that it be read. The house, startled by full realization of what it had just voted for, reversed the decision and defeated the amendment.

This subject is slated to be handled separately.

**Not Fault of Rules**  
The "voting in the dark" habit is not essentially a fault of the house rules. The rules require that bills and amendments be read unless unanimous consent is obtained to dispense with the reading. When members vote without knowing what they are voting on it is usually because none has objected to voting that way. A single objection could block a request that the text of bills or amendments not be read.

As a possible solution, some members are considering proposing a rules change which would require that no bill be considered unless printed copies are available to everyone, and that no amendment be considered unless it is read fully to the house. Unanimous consent to dispense with readings would be obtained only when legislation not read had been printed.

## Military Chiefs Land in Tokyo

TOKYO, Monday, Aug. 21—(AP)—Army Chief of Staff Gen. J. Lawton Collins and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Forrest P. Sherman arrived in Tokyo today for conferences on the Korean war.

The two top military planners will consult with General MacArthur and members of his staff. There was no indication how long the two members of the joint chiefs of staff would remain in Tokyo or whether they would go to the war zone.

General MacArthur met the chiefs when they arrived with a party of navy, air force and army officers at Haneda airport.

## Navy Chaplain Posts Available

SEATTLE, Aug. 19—One hundred naval reserve commissions as chaplains are available to min-

## Baby Sitter Calls the Cops

PORTLAND, Aug. 20—(AP)—The babies — six of them age two months to nine years — were having fun. Too much fun, apparently, so the 14-year-old baby sitter called the cops.

The police — there were several needed — reported a window broken at the home last night, among other things, and that threats of jail were needed to finally pack all the "babies" off to bed.

## Gov. McKay Issues Rebuke To Hoarders

HERMISTON, Aug. 20—(AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay rebuked hoarders and profiteers in a speech at the Umatilla county fair here.

"The people of Oregon from the days of the earliest pioneers have always met things as they come. This is no time to be jittery, pessimistic or over-optimistic. It is a time for cool heads and careful thinking," he said.

He advised his listeners not to be hesitant about giving up any conveniences or comforts necessary, for the sacrifices will be small compared to the ones being made by the troops in Korea, he said.

"This is the time to reaffirm our faith in ourselves, our government and our divine creator. Come what may, we are not afraid of it," he concluded.

The oil from menhaden fish is used in soap, paint, varnish, insect spray and printing ink.

Listeners who would consider active duty if needed. Applications are also being accepted for regular navy commissions, according to 13th naval district headquarters. Requests for enrollment should be made through the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Federal Office Building, First and Marion, Seattle, Wash.

## Laborites Call For Marshall Plan Successor

By Glenn Williams  
LONDON, Aug. 20—(AP)—Britain's labor party called today for a new, long term "world plan for mutual aid" to succeed the Marshall plan in 1952.

The idea is to beat communism with butter instead of guns. Britain and other free Western nations would contribute to it as well as the United States.

The party's powerful executive committee, which includes Prime Minister Clement Attlee and several other cabinet members, set forth the idea in a pamphlet laying out, in general terms, some of its ideas for a new election platform.

The pamphlet, entitled "Labor and the new society," called also for armed defenses "strong enough to resist aggression."

But, it added, "reliance on armed strength is not enough. The democracies must be positive, constructive and progressive, not merely defensive. They should launch a program of mutual aid for world economic development."

**Long-Range Plan**  
It saw a new, long-range economic plan as an essential defense against the onrush of Russian-led communism.

"Rising standards of living are strongest defense against infiltration by communism and fascism,"

the booklet said. "Poverty and despair are their best allies."

Morgan Phillips, secretary of the party, told a news conference that Britain itself would take the initiative in proposing and planning such a program. He said it would carry further the idea expressed in President Truman's inaugural address of helping develop "backward areas" of the world.

The party statement said "work should start now on the preparation" of the new program, although the Marshall plan still has some two years to run. Phillips acknowledged that the United States already is at work on future plans for economic recovery of the rest of the world.

**Public, Private Investment**  
"All the free peoples would be expected to contribute to the world plan according to their ability," the party said. "The plan would be carried out through public as well as private investment, through national as well as international action, through colonial development as well as through the United Nations."

"The guiding purpose of such a plan would be to help the poorer peoples to help themselves, and the extension of democratic self government would accompany economic progress."

Phillips said that Russia and other communist nations would not be specifically excluded from such a plan but declared "we would not want a veto." This apparently would exclude the Russians, anyhow.

France's Schuman plan for uniting Europe's coal and steel industries was not discussed. A previous publication on European unity rejected any kind of supranational organization which could be nations.

## Newspaper Strike Treaty Ready for Vote

NEW YORK, Aug. 20—(AP)—Negotiators have agreed on terms for ending a strike that has kept the New York World-Telegram and Sun off the streets for two months.

The agreement, still to be ratified by members of the striking CIO American Newspaper Guild, came after an all-night, 15-hour session.

Guild representatives said they would recommend approval by the 400 editorial advertising and business office strikers at a membership meeting Tuesday.

Terms were not disclosed pending the vote, but they were described as covering "all issues" in the contract dispute.

**Reds Attack German Police**  
DORTMUND, Germany, Aug. 20—(AP)—Two German policemen were injured here today when they were attacked by communists trying to hold a meeting in defiance of a police ban.

The communists—members of a so-called "peace committee"—dictate economic decisions to member nations.

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had assembled in the city square. The police ordered them to disperse. The communists refused. When the police tried to break up the meeting, stick wielding communists attacked them.

## Adm. Smith to Head District

SEATTLE, Aug. 19—New commandant for the 13th naval district is to be Rear Adm. Allan E. Smith, who will arrive here August 29. Two days later he will replace Rear Admiral H. H. Good, retiring after 42 years in the navy, rejoining the USS Missouri last January.

Admiral Smith's last assignment was commander of the cruiser force of the Atlantic fleet. He was in charge of salvage operations for Guerillas Fight Chinese Commies

HONG KONG, Aug. 20—(AP)—Three hundred anti-communist guerrillas were reported to have stormed the town of Kwangning today and fought a two-hour street battle with red soldiers.

Kwangning is 75 miles northwest of Canton.

The independent Hong Kong paper Wah Kiu Yat Po, which reported the raid, said 40 of the red garrison and 13 to 15 of the guerrillas were killed and that the guerrillas burned a number of

buildings and took away 50 bags of rice.



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